



# Broiler Hatchery

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## **Broiler-Type Eggs Set Down 2 Percent**

Commercial hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 191 million eggs in incubators during the week ending November 10, 2012. This was down 2 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 85 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

## **Broiler-Type Chicks Placed Down 3 Percent**

Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 147 million chicks for meat production during the week ending November 10, 2012. Placements were down 3 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 1, 2012 through November 10, 2012 were 7.29 billion, down 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

## Broiler-Type Eggs Set – 19 Selected States: 2012

State	Week ending					
	October 6, 2012	October 13, 2012	October 20, 2012	October 27, 2012	November 3, 2012	November 10, 2012
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama .....	27,088	26,053	26,218	25,755	24,787	27,018
Arkansas .....	20,310	17,697	18,329	20,061	20,132	21,045
Delaware .....	3,161	3,158	3,162	3,240	3,284	3,263
Florida .....	1,351	1,353	1,088	1,353	1,351	1,353
Georgia .....	31,333	30,865	28,995	30,168	29,852	31,559
Kentucky .....	7,654	7,014	6,753	7,319	7,330	7,183
Louisiana .....	2,977	3,304	3,298	3,183	2,956	2,956
Maryland .....	6,654	7,471	7,071	6,766	6,803	7,136
Mississippi .....	16,496	16,543	16,364	16,365	15,168	17,470
Missouri .....	7,823	7,606	7,210	7,867	6,859	7,258
North Carolina .....	18,565	17,382	17,924	19,331	19,266	19,997
Oklahoma .....	6,936	6,287	6,416	6,622	6,662	6,553
Pennsylvania .....	3,639	3,647	3,353	3,246	3,167	3,518
South Carolina .....	4,792	4,924	5,654	5,122	5,156	5,129
Texas .....	13,240	13,034	12,609	13,206	12,996	13,980
Virginia .....	5,971	6,019	5,543	6,195	4,780	5,455
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	9,889	9,461	8,418	10,563	10,261	10,414
19 State total .....	187,879	181,818	178,405	186,362	180,810	191,287
Previous year total .....	186,317	181,852	183,537	185,172	186,594	194,224
Percent of previous year .....	101	100	97	101	97	98

## Broiler-Type Chicks Placed – 19 Selected States: 2012

State	Week ending					
	October 6, 2012	October 13, 2012	October 20, 2012	October 27, 2012	November 3, 2012	November 10, 2012
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama .....	18,901	19,778	18,660	19,380	18,979	18,534
Arkansas .....	18,701	18,906	18,637	19,282	17,289	17,258
Delaware .....	4,118	3,509	3,720	4,232	4,164	4,074
Florida .....	935	935	1,023	1,291	1,276	1,035
Georgia .....	27,034	27,814	25,953	26,577	25,812	25,119
Kentucky .....	5,690	6,718	5,762	5,910	5,544	5,368
Louisiana .....	2,952	2,845	2,700	2,703	2,949	2,981
Maryland .....	5,440	6,386	6,331	5,259	5,712	4,848
Mississippi .....	14,301	13,545	13,616	14,142	13,994	13,863
Missouri .....	4,874	5,327	4,770	5,543	4,996	4,849
North Carolina .....	14,664	14,407	15,158	14,988	14,505	15,044
Oklahoma .....	4,465	4,782	4,854	4,356	3,706	4,181
Pennsylvania .....	2,778	2,675	2,972	2,945	2,901	2,798
South Carolina .....	4,601	3,704	4,127	3,818	4,251	3,726
Texas .....	10,883	10,751	11,684	11,148	11,027	10,769
Virginia .....	4,228	4,877	4,495	4,494	4,526	4,260
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	9,425	9,020	9,802	10,666	10,090	8,560
19 State total .....	153,990	155,979	154,264	156,734	151,721	147,267
Previous year total .....	148,802	155,108	151,134	153,311	149,126	152,174
Percent of previous year .....	103	101	102	102	102	97

## Statistical Methodology

**Survey Procedures:** Data for broiler hatchery estimates are collected weekly from all chicken hatcheries within the 19 States that hatch at least one million chicks a year. The 19 States account for approximately 97 percent of the broilers produced on an annual basis. Individual NASS field offices maintain a list of all known hatcheries and update their lists on a continual basis. All hatcheries within the 19 States that meet the minimum size criteria are given adequate time to respond to the weekly survey. Those that do not respond are contacted by telephone.

**Estimating Procedures:** All data are analyzed for unusual values. Data from each operation are compared to their own past operating profile and to trends from similar operations. Data for missing operations are estimated based on similar operations or historical data. NASS field offices prepare these estimates by using a combination of survey indications and historic trends. Individual State estimates are reviewed by the Agricultural Statistics Board for reasonableness. Individual hatchery data are summed to State and 19 State totals.

**Revision Policy:** Revisions are generally the result of late or corrected data. Revisions made to the previous five-week's data during the current week are published in this report. Final estimates are published in the annual *Hatchery Production Summary* released in April.

**Reliability:** Estimates are subject to errors such as omission, duplication, and mistakes in reporting, recording, and processing the data. While these errors cannot be measured directly, they are minimized through strict quality controls in the data collection process and a careful review of all reported data for consistency and reasonableness.

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